

**From:** [Gray, David](#)  
**To:** [Carey, Curtis](#); [Crossland, Ronnie](#); [R6HarveyInfo](#)  
**Subject:** RE: EPA Austin contacts  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 6, 2017 4:30:19 PM  
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So you have the latest insight into the concept of operations for the CLs.

The PIAT is currently pulling together information to support this effort. I plan on reviewing the inventory of material. I think they have the correct subjects but want to make certain we have not missed anything. I am also working with TCEQ on information they want us to share for them.

We are pulling together a group of community liaisons (CICs, RSC, EJ and others) and integrating them into each of the EOCs in the 38 counties. We added a CL coordinator to the REOC to guide overall coordination. I met with EJ and they will feed information to help with strategic planning and targeting. I joined them for the first EJ call yesterday.

The CL network will help our information to be available for distribution throughout the county by the entire county EOC partners, and ensure locals have access to any EPA guidance or best practices for county specific challenges (septic tanks, hhww, etc.). Where we have long-standing environmental justice networks the CL will also work to integrate the county EOC with those networks for collaboration and information sharing. Also, working with Arturo - we will have the first CLs in Pt

Arthur and Harris counties be from our EJ office to make certain these get off to a good start regarding EJ integration.

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**From:** Carey, Curtis

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**Subject:** RE: EPA Austin contacts

Copy, thanks

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**From:** Crossland, Ronnie

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 06, 2017 3:20 PM

**To:** Gray, David <[gray.david@epa.gov](mailto:gray.david@epa.gov)>; Carey, Curtis <[Carey.Curtis@epa.gov](mailto:Carey.Curtis@epa.gov)>; Lyssy, Gregory <[lyssy.gregory@epa.gov](mailto:lyssy.gregory@epa.gov)>; R6HarveyInfo <[R6HarveyInfo@epa.gov](mailto:R6HarveyInfo@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** McAteer, Mike <[mcateer.mike@epa.gov](mailto:mcateer.mike@epa.gov)>; Honker, William <[honker.william@epa.gov](mailto:honker.william@epa.gov)>; Carroll, Craig <[Carroll.Craig@epa.gov](mailto:Carroll.Craig@epa.gov)>

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Curtis,

Thanks for sending this. We should probably make sure we have a consistent message between EPA, FEMA, and TCEQ. That is probably why David wants to send you information associated with our Community Liaisons. David is coordinating with TCEQ on the material so let's wait to see what he has.

With regard to meetings/phone calls to participate on, I forwarded your request to Craig Carroll to identify the appropriate field calls for operational awareness.

I may try to come over the JFO tomorrow and hopefully we can get together. Welcome to Austin.

Ronnie

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**From:** Gray, David

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 06, 2017 3:33 PM

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Curtis – I will share copies of the information that we will send out with our Community Liaisons.

David

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**From:** Carey, Curtis

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That's pretty funny. I'm sitting five feet from Karen. Checked in with her this morning when I arrived. I even bought her coffee around mid-morning. She asked me about half an hour ago, "aren't you with HUD?" She knows now. She needed EPA's report out on any media interviews in the field today.

I sent **David** an email asking if we've had any interviews.

**Ronnie:** Did you see the debris sorting graphic I sent you that FEMA developed? They would like to get it into their approval chain today. As is, I can't sign off for EPA since I haven't seen the contract for the debris pickup. I had two questions:

1. Should people bag their leaves and other vegetative debris (lawn bags)?
2. Should people follow their normal household garbage removal schedule with their local municipal waste company, rather than setting the household garbage next to the curb for pickup with white goods, etc.?

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**From:** Lyssy, Gregory

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 06, 2017 12:18 PM

**To:** Carey, Curtis <[Carey.Curtis@epa.gov](mailto:Carey.Curtis@epa.gov)>; R6HarveyInfo <[R6HarveyInfo@epa.gov](mailto:R6HarveyInfo@epa.gov)>

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Good afternoon Curtis:

Mike McAteer and I are here at the SEOC. Please see the email below for your POC info at the JFO.

Bill Honker has also checked in at the JFO (but he is currently here at the SEOC with us). We will be heading back this afternoon for introductions.

Please contact us if you need anything.

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**Update on JIC at Austin JFO....** We paid a visit to the JIC today at noon and spoke with a few FEMA PIO's about EPA's plans to deploy field liaisons to distribute information to the public in the declared counties. They were happy to hear about the plan but, naturally, they want to see what it is we plan to distribute. We told them we would provide an advanced copy as soon as we get it here at the JFO/EOC. Our POC for the JIC is Lieutenant Commander Karen Kutkiewicz. Her number is 617 429 0314 and her email is [Karen.L.Kutkiewicz@uscg.mil](mailto:Karen.L.Kutkiewicz@uscg.mil). Karen asked that the EPA PIO being sent to the JIC contact her as soon as he/she is checked in at the JFO.

If you have any questions/concerns, just let me know.

Thank you.



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**From:** Crossland, Ronnie  
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**Subject:** FW: Daily conference calls

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**From:** Carey, Curtis  
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**To:** Crossland, Ronnie <[Crossland.Ronnie@epa.gov](mailto:Crossland.Ronnie@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** Peterson, Mary <[Peterson.Mary@epa.gov](mailto:Peterson.Mary@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** FW: Daily conference calls

Hi Ronnie,

I joined the JFO JIC here in Austin today. Are you located at the state EOC? I'm located at the JFO 11000 North I-35.

If you're here, It would be great to catch up. If not, please let me know of any conference calls I should be plugging into to get the EPA operational overview updates.

You probably know that Sam C. and Albert "Kell" Kelly arrive here tonight.

Thanks,  
Curtis

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**From:** Peterson, Mary

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 06, 2017 11:06 AM

**To:** Buchholz, Ken <[Buchholz.Kenneth@epa.gov](mailto:Buchholz.Kenneth@epa.gov)>; Carey, Curtis <[Carey.Curtis@epa.gov](mailto:Carey.Curtis@epa.gov)>

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Ronnie Crossland (EPA R6) should be at the ESF-10 desk.

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**From:** Buchholz, Ken

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 06, 2017 11:04 AM

**To:** Carey, Curtis <[Carey.Curtis@epa.gov](mailto:Carey.Curtis@epa.gov)>

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PERFECT!

Find the ESF#10 desk. They will make sure you get on the EPA calls.  
Thanks

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**From:** Carey, Curtis  
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I'm the first EPA rep here at the Joint Field Office. More people coming in today and tomorrow.

I have the JFO daily meeting schedule and have reached out to R6 and HQ on any calls they have.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 6, 2017, at 10:53 AM, Buchholz, Ken <[Buchholz.Kenneth@epa.gov](mailto:Buchholz.Kenneth@epa.gov)> wrote:

There are no daily calls that I am aware of. There is an every other day RM call; but you should really be tied into the senior leadership and JIC calls. I would think that the JIC, HQ, David Gray or Mary Peterson (in Dallas – Senior Leader) would have the battle rhythm of your daily calls that you should be on.

Thanks

Ken

P.S. Whomever you are filling in for (David Gray,.....they should leave you a contact phone list and your daily rhythm.)

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Ken or Adam

Can you send me the daily conference calls calendar invites for Harvey response calls? I believe there is one scheduled for 10:00 but the conference number I have doesn't work.

Thanks,  
Curtis

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